

LAST TOUCHES OF WHITE COMPLETES 1600 BLOCK WORK

Final Meeting of Merchants of Association Shows Everything in Readiness.

PREDICT HUGE SUCCESS

Big Crowd Is Expected and Merchants Will Have Stores Decorated in Holiday Attire.

The merchants of the 1600 Block association met at the Rock Island house last evening and after reports from various officers and committees were made, it was found that everything was in readiness for the big dedication of the white block Wednesday evening.

The session last evening was the final one before the big event, and was called by the officers to review the work done and to see that everything had been accomplished as planned, so that when the big affair commences at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow evening, everything will proceed without a hitch.

The meeting was full of the spirit with which the merchants in the block had so untiringly worked for in interest of themselves and their neighbors in making the coming event everything that was planned for it.

Then general "get together and pull" spirit which has spelled success thus far for their plans, predominated at the meeting, and optimistic predictions for the benefits forthcoming were made.

At the meeting it was decided to secure a dozen automobiles for the parade. These will be used by the city commissioners and the merchants of the block.

Will Not Be End.

Among other matters discussed was the moving picture proposition. The merchants of the block do not by any means plan to pull off this big cere-

mony and then turn to slumber for a year. They are going right after the public attention.

It is being planned on each Saturday evening to have free moving pictures in the block. These will be thrown on a screen on a building in the block, and will be seen both near and at some distance away. However, no definite action was taken on the matter, but the matter was thoroughly discussed.

The buildings and poles in the block will all be completed today with the second coat of white paint, and the only remaining portion of the decoration left undone will be the floating of the flags and pennants over Second avenue. The clamps are already fastened around the ornamental lighting posts so the completion of the work will require but a little time.

The merchants in the block are all preparing holiday dress in their stores. Every merchant has taken great pains in the window decorations, and some unique displays will attract the eye of the crowds upon the streets tomorrow evening.

Dance a Big Card.

Since the announcement that a big dance was to be conducted in the street following the parade, the stock of the event has risen far above par, and it is expected that the younger generation from miles around will join in the unique terpsichorean event.

Some fine souvenirs will be given away.

TO MOVE AFTER 40 YEARS SPENT IN ONE LOCATION

After having resided 40 years in the same house at 209 Fifteenth street, Mrs. Bertha Roessler is to move June 1 to 1217 Thirtieth street, where she has a home of her own. The house on Fifteenth street, Mrs. Roessler states, was the first brick home erected in Rock Island, having been built for the late Mrs. Sarah B. Cobb, from whose estate Mrs. Roessler rented it. Mrs. Roessler will continue in the household storage, tent and awning business in her new location.

Not only Cleveland, but also Youngstown, Canton and Conneaut, O., adopted eastern time at midnight April 30. This probably means that the railroads must adopt eastern time for the whole eastern part of the state. It is possible that later the whole state may adopt eastern time.

CITY COMMISSION VOTES TO IMPOSE ADDITIONAL TAX

By Vote of Three to Two, Council Reverses Action on Special Bridge Levy.

MORE REVENUE REQUIRED

Mayor Schriver Leads Fight for Sufficient Funds to Provide Improvements for District.

In a session replete with clever parliamentary moves and frequent clashes, the city commission yesterday afternoon by a vote of three to two, agreed to reconsider its action of last week, when Mayor H. M. Schriver's motion to amend the proposed appropriation ordinance to provide for the imposition of the special street and bridge tax, was defeated and by the same vote the amendment was added to the financial budget. This means that if the appropriation ordinance is passed, it will carry with it an increase of approximately \$23,500 over the estimate made in Commissioner M. T. Rudgren's original measure.

The fun started from the gong. Commissioner Jonas Bear, who voted against Mayor Schriver's proposal last week, offered a resolution that the commission reconsider its action on the resolution "that the city clerk be instructed to amend the proposed appropriation ordinance by levying a special tax for streets and bridges and that the police fund be increased to \$28,500; fire department to \$30,000; health fund to \$13,000, and that there be appropriated the sum of \$2,000 to pay Dr. Craig's bill, nurse bills and various small accounts." Mayor Schriver's plan was defeated last week by a vote of three to two. Mayor Schriver seconded the motion and it carried, three to two, Commissioners Rudgren and Reynolds voting no.

Mayor Schriver declared the budget as arranged by Commissioner Rudgren was wholly inadequate for the city's needs and that the additional revenue, through the bridge and street tax, which was levied last year for the first time, was absolutely necessary.

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TABLE MOTION TO REFUSE LICENSES FOR TWO SALOONS

Applications of Robert J. Welch and Henry Van Dale Received and Placed on File.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL AGAIN

Commission Adopts Another Resolution to Notify Owner to Remove Dangerous Structure.

Although every member of the commission is opposed to granting saloon licenses for the Buffalo and Billy Rice's place, the council yesterday afternoon refused to adopt a resolution, denying applications of Robert J. Welch, for the former at 316 Twenty-fourth street, and Henry Van Dale, for the latter at 2107 Fourth avenue.

When the applications were read, Mayor H. M. Schriver moved that they be received and placed on file, which carried. Commissioner Jonas Bear then offered a resolution that the applications be refused. Commissioner Rudgren immediately opposed this action, intimating that it would weaken the city's case, should the anticipated mandamus proceedings develop. Commissioner Rudgren, therefore, offered a substitute motion that the matter be laid on the table and this carried three to two. Mayor Schriver and Commissioner Bear voting no. Mayor Schriver insisted that the applications should be either accepted or denied and could see no valid reason for sidestepping the issue but the majority of the commission took an opposite view, for legal reasons.

Must Remove Hotel.

The question of the removal of the old Commercial hotel on Seventeenth street, owned by John Bengston, came up again and a resolution offered by Commissioner Hart passed, that the owner be served with a notice to tear it down because "it is in a dangerous and dilapidated condition and is a menace to the safety of persons passing near said building. The building is in such condition that it is liable to fall into the street at any time."

The sum of \$25 was voted to the G. A. R. for the Decoration day fund.

A license was granted to Claus Dau, who will operate the saloon at 300 Fourth street, formerly run by W. A. Pannell. Julius and Arnold Duyve, who were given a license to operate a saloon at 126 Twentieth street. Mayor Schriver said he had been asked by Belgian saloon keepers for a permit to conduct dances on the evening of Decoration day in rooms adjoining their third parlors. The commission agreed to allow the practice on holidays, as has been the rule in the past.

Fritz Becker, Davenport, was given the contract for the annual audit his bid being \$25 under that of his next competitor. The mayor was authorized to purchase a new typewriter for his office. A petition from property owners on Fourteenth avenue, from Eleventh to Twelfth street, protesting against using that thoroughfare for a dumping ground, was referred to Commissioner Reynolds. An invitation to the city officials to participate in the parade of the 1600 Block Business Men's association was accepted.

Consider Ordinances.

A number of ordinances for public improvements were considered as follows:

Watermains — Twenty-first street, Eighteenth to Nineteenth avenue, estimate \$783; Twenty-fourth street, Eighteenth to Twentieth avenue, Nineteenth to Twentieth and Twenty-fourth to Twenty-fifth street, estimate \$3,421.60.

Watermains and sewer — Twenty-eighth street, Fifteenth to Sixteenth avenue; Twenty-eighth street, Sixteenth to Fifteenth avenue, estimate \$1,284.

Paving — Eighteenth avenue, Sixteenth to Twenty-seventh street, asphalt, estimated \$2,490.90; Second avenue, Second to Ninth street, Seventh street, Ninth to Fourth avenue, brick, estimated \$13,837.

HOOVER HAS AEROPLANE CARTED TO EXPO GROUNDS

Aviator Hoover's aeroplane arrived today and immediately was taken to Exposition park by a group of mechanics, who are to assemble it and get it in readiness for the aeroplane, automobile, motorcycle and horse race meeting which takes place next Saturday and Sunday. As soon as the machine is assembled the aviator may test it by flying over the tri-cities sometime before the meeting starts.

Yesterday and today a number of horses were working out on the track and a lot of rail birds were out to see them work and to pick out the good ones that are to win at the Saturday races.

Entries in the motorcycle races are coming in fast, and owing to the large amount of entries the management has decided to run the races in heats. The winners and seconds of each heat are to compete for the finals.

The program is to consist of 10 events each day, the races to begin at 2:30 sharp.

During the afternoon service at St. Paul's London, on Easter day, a pigeon walked up and down the aisles. A verger made a vain attempt to capture it, and merely set it flying over the heads of the congregation. The presence of a pigeon in a church is by no means uncommon, but this bird was so conspicuous that his exploits got into the papers.

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CAPTAIN DUNAVIN IS SCHOOL JUDGE

Member of First Board Not From Regular Army to Act at State University.

ANNUAL CONTESTS HELD

Puts in Busy Day Passing Upon Maneuvers Participated in by 2,700 Students.

Captain Edward Dunavin of Company A returned this morning from Champaign, where he served as one of the three judges at the annual military contest of the students of the University of Illinois. He worked all day in the broiling sun and today has a lovely coat of tan to show for it. The university has compulsory military training and each year the students hold a big contest on the parade grounds.

There are over 2,700 male students at the college and every one receives military training, making four battalions and 16 full companies. Lieutenant Colonel Davis of Geneseo was the other judge from this district. Captain Dunavin has the distinct honor of being the first judge to serve at these contests outside of the regular army. He received fine treatment at the hands of the faculty and every one concerned was satisfied with the decisions.

Rifle Practice Held.
Company A held rifle practice last evening at Armory hall and several good scores were made. Lieutenant Reynolds was in charge of the company during Captain Dunavin's absence.

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